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### **CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINES, SHUTTLES, AND BUS COMPANIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24, 2013 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection and safety, has recently taken a number of actions to protect consumers from illegally operating passenger carriers.

During the first quarter of 2013, the CPUC took the following enforcement actions against limousine, bus, and shuttle companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including General Orders (GO) 115-F and 157-D.

#### **Administrative Citation**

Nineteen companies were cited and fined a total of \$31,550 for one or more of these violations:

1. Advertised a revoked permit number
2. Failed to enroll and/or pre-employment test drivers in a mandatory drug and alcohol program
3. Failed to enroll drivers in DMV Pull Notice program
4. General Order 157-D violation (failed to maintain a current equipment list, no sub-carrier agreement, or incomplete waybills)
5. Operated without a valid authority (suspended or unlicensed)
6. Operated vehicles that are not insured at the required minimum level of public liability and property damage insurance
7. Failed to properly report gross revenue earned
8. Failing to respond to consumer complaints

Companies cited:

1. James Houshmand dba Rockstar Transportation Services, Santa Barbara (TCP19897)
2. Mike Kazemi dba Xypress Coast Tours, Reno Express, Reno, NV (TCP 24608)
3. Adventures Rolling Cross Country, Inc., Mill Valley (TCP 28838)
4. Black Sky Limousine LLC dba Black Sky Limousine LLC & Bruce D. Lewis dba "N" Excess Limousine Service, Livermore (TCP 22270 & 19608)
5. Ross Limo, Inc., Sherman Oaks (TCP 19735-B)
6. Mansour International LLC dba Best Shuttle, Irvine (TCP/PSC 15930)
7. Elite Service LLC dba Supershuttle, Garden Grove (TCP26948)
8. Obi One Transportation LLC, Long Beach (TCP 22925)
9. Rosario Cotaya dba J & R Limo Sedan Service, Riverside (TCP 27920)
10. Nancy Uong dba Awesome Limousine, Glendale (TCP 25309)
11. Five Star Quality Care-CA LLC dba Leisure Pointe, San Bernardino (TCP 28965)
12. Carrillo Holdings Inc. dba Platinum Express Limo, Anaheim (TCP 22919)
13. Polly Lau dba Polly Martini, San Francisco (Unlicensed)
14. Seyed Ali Zorriyeh Tajalli dba First Charter, San Mateo (TCP 27923)
15. Norcal Transportation Corporation dba The Santa Cruz Experience (TCP27104)
16. Her Majesty's Ride Inc., Costa Mesa (TCP 22829)
17. Edison Krosi, Aliso Viejo (TCP 24282)
18. Rhoda A Fazio dba Rhofaz Executive Transportation, Newport Beach (TCP 27856)
19. Empress Enterprises LLC, Inglewood (TCP13506)

### **Criminal Actions**

Two CPUC investigations were filed with local prosecutors to pursue criminal prosecutions:

1. **Jesus Beltran dba Lorena's Limousine, Oxnard** (TCP 22340 Revoked):  
The Ventura County District Attorney's Office filed a misdemeanor complaint for violations of PU Code, which included operating and advertising after revocation of CPUC authority.
2. **Avolar Limousine Service Inc., Danon Frear dba Avolar Limousine Service Inc., Los Angeles** (TCP 23280 Revoked): The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office filed a misdemeanor complaint for violations of PU Code, Business and Professions Code 17500, and Penal Code 484(a), which include operating without CPUC authority, advertising without CPUC authority, misleading advertisements, and petty theft. Under the same case number, the City Attorney also filed misdemeanor charges against two licensed carriers involved with Avolar and Danon Frear, namely **Hyros Corporation dba Platinum Style**

**Limousine, Ayrapet Kasabyan, President of Hyros Corporation (as individual), North Hollywood and Armenuhi and Asatur Galadjian (husband and wife) dba Millenium Limousine, Glendale.** The charges filed against these companies included failure to execute a sub-carrier agreement describing services to be provided; failure to possess a waybill; failure to keep records, namely waybills for three years; violations of business and professions code of misrepresenting the size of vehicle; and violations of the penal code of petty theft. Avolar was ordered by a Judge to take down his website before the next court date and not advertise without active and valid CPUC authority.

### **Phone Disconnections**

As part of its ongoing efforts to clamp down on illegal transportation companies, the CPUC had telephone service shut off to four companies operating in California without authority. These companies continued to advertise and hold themselves out to engage in the business of transporting passenger, notwithstanding CPUC staff directives to immediately cease and desist unlawful acts and to obtain a transportation charter party permit:

1. **University Shuttles Inc. dba Shoreline Shuttle, and James Brice, CEO of University Shuttles, Santa Cruz (TCP 27407):** Advertised and offered transportation service on the Internet. The advertisements listed two phone numbers. Notwithstanding a CPUC Cease and Desist letter directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law as evidence by advertisement on the Internet. On January 8, 2013, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Santa Cruz Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the numbers advertised and used by the company to violate laws in the State of California.
2. **Ray Ramirez dba Hollywood Ray, San Diego (Unlicensed):** Advertised and offered transportation services utilizing website advertisements without a permit. The advertisements listed two numbers. Notwithstanding CPUC Cease and Desist notices directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On

February 22, 2013, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a San Diego County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the two numbers advertised and used by carrier to violate laws in the State of California.

3. **Estrella Blanca LLC, Huntington Park** (Unlicensed): Advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet without a permit. The advertisement listed two phone numbers. Notwithstanding the CPUC's Cease and Desist notice directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On March 22, 2013, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the two numbers advertised and used by the company to violate laws in the State of California.
4. **Divine Limousine, Inc., Murrieta** (Unlicensed): Advertised and offered transportation services utilizing website advertisements without a permit. The advertisements listed two numbers. Notwithstanding CPUC Cease and Desist notices directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On March 26, 2013, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Riverside County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the one number advertised (the second number had already been disconnected) and used by the company to violate laws in the State of California.

**Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):**

Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only)	44
Number of vehicles impounded	30

**Official Notices**

Eight companies were issued an Official Notice for one or more of these violations:

Engaged drivers prior to enrollment in the DMV pull notice and drug and alcohol programs.

1. Advertised and operated without authority (prior to issuance, expired, or suspended)
2. Conducted operations at an airport without holding an airport permit
3. Engaged drivers without workers' compensation insurance on file and in effect
4. Failed to include TCP authority number in advertisements
5. Failed to update equipment list
6. Incomplete or no waybills
7. Knowingly and intentionally filed a false report that understates revenues and fees

Companies receiving an Official Notice:

1. Pasadena Tour Co LLC, Pasadena (TCP 29610)
2. Cameron Pearson dba Hollywood All Star Transportation, Los Angeles (TCP 29391)
3. Jeffrey Carr dba Glamorous Limousines, Richmond (TCP 26804)
4. Mr. Bill's Touch Up Service, Menifee (TCP 29699)
5. Carlton Plaza of San Jose, LLC, San Jose (Unlicensed)
6. Superstar Celerity Home Tours, LLC, Los Angeles (TCP 25277)
7. Frantisek Hiavaty dba La Jolla Regency Transportation, San Diego (TCP 13877)
8. Amexpo, Inc., Rosemead (TCP 20517)

### **Refunds and Settlement Claims**

Four companies agreed to refund monies to consumers for service related complaints.

1. Jafar Rezvani dba Los Angeles Limousine Service Co., Los Angeles
2. Carrillo Holdings, Inc. dba Platinum Express Limo, Garden Grove
3. First Class Transportation SVC LLC dba Prime Time Shuttle, Inglewood
4. Social Trends, Inc. dba Social Limousine, Burlingame

### **Cease and Desist Notices**

Forty-three companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice for the violation of operating and/or advertising without a valid charter-party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired). The companies issued a Cease and Desist notice are:

1. Secure Radio and Transportation LLC dba Transit Transportation, San Diego (TCP 27192)
2. Her Majesty's Ride, Inc. San Clemente (TCP22829)
3. Vargastrans, Inc., Bell Gardens (TCP 25923)
4. Marie Louise Joiner dba Luxury Service Ceres (TCP 28312)
5. Edison Krosi, Aliso Viejo (TCP 24282)
6. Reverend Paul Joseph Bryant dba P.I.G. Limo Service and God's Taxi, Sacramento

7. Atal Rajput dba Ur Cab and Limo Service, Foster City (TCP 26824)
8. Mid Valley Surgical Inc., Modesto (Unlicensed)
9. Crown Limousine LLC, Paso Robles (TCP 25108)
10. Danny Nakash dba Raz Tax & Limousine Service, Santa Rosa (Unlicensed)
11. Pride Luxury Tours, Paso Robles (TCP 28750)
12. Scapadas Magicas LLC, National City (TCP 26959)
13. Billionaire Logistic Access Management, LLC dba Lowest Ride Transportation, Fountain Valley (TCP 24011)
14. Alem United Express LLC dba Jodi Express, Hope Limousine, and Shalom Express Airport Shuttle and Limo, Cathedral City (TCP 23010)
15. Juana Ballesteros dba Cool Bus Transportation, Encino (TCP 19809 Expired)
16. Forest McCoy dba JFT Transportation Services, Los Angeles (TCP 26007)
17. Zohair Biaz dba Pro Transportation.com, San Diego (TCP 26816)
18. Mulubrhan Hintza, San Diego (TCP 25039)
19. Doug Dean dba VIP Limo of Granite Bay, Granite Bay (Unlicensed)
20. Liberty Launch Inc., Orange (TCP 27722)
21. Annliang Jeng, Daly City (Unlicensed)
22. LPB Inc. dba Leon Party Bus, Whittier (TCP-29616, Denied)
23. Party Bus for You (Unlicensed)
24. Shindigs Party Bus and Party Bus for You (Unlicensed)
25. Shuttle California Transit, LLC (TCP 26692)
26. Michal Alanic dba Palm Springs Airport Shuttle, Yucca Valley (Unlicensed)
27. Banyer Travel West, LLC dba Banyer Travel, Cathedral City (TCP 25594)
28. Excaliber Transportation dba Seabreeze Shuttle, El Cajon (TCP 28010)
29. DMC Limousine, Del Mar. (Unlicensed)
30. Lorenzo E. Morales dba The VIP Transportation Company, San Francisco (TCP 18800)
31. Nidal Issam Shureih dba AAA City Limo, Millbrae (TCP 28425)
32. Daniel Thomas Carlson, dba Novato Transportation Services, Novato (Unlicensed)
33. George Udeh dba GEM Global Logistics, San Diego (TCP 22746)
34. Above All Shuttle LLC, San Diego (TCP 25683)
35. Ioan Nicolae Tite dba Sky Blue Shuttle, Temecula (TCP 25425)
36. Paul S Gulati dba My Ride Shuttle, Temecula (TCP 26999)
37. Charles Ene dba Ene Transportation, Orange (TCP 28711)
38. Ernesto Noyola-Gonzalez dba Noyola Transportation, Chula Vista (TCP 24940)
39. Califun SB, Santa Barbara (Unlicensed)
40. Maria Elena Ramirez, Perris (Unlicensed)
41. Golden Spirit Limousine Service, Inc., Northridge (TCP 19800 Revoked)
42. Patty Hulse dba Coachellafest/Stagecoach Shuttle Service (Unlicensed)
43. Jay Jordan, San Bernardino (Unlicensed)

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